## State of Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners



# Open Session Minutes January 11, 2019 Metro Executive Building 4201 Patterson Ave, Room 110 Baltimore, Maryland 21215

## **Board Members:**

Sherryl Silberman Professional Member, Chair
Wrenn Skidmore Professional Member, Vice Chair
Karen Richards Professional Member, Secretary/Treasurer

Denise Capaci Professional Member
Donald J. List Professional Member
Gerard Farrell Consumer Member

Letha Moszer Professional Member (Absent)

Mary L. Sayres Professional Member
Jamie Wilson Professional Member
Susan P. Coppage Professional Member

**Board Staff:** S

Stanley E. Weinstein Executive Director
Rhonda Edwards OAG, Board Counsel

Gail Wowk Director, Planning and Continuing Education
Kara Brooks-Tyson Director, Compliance and Investigations

Tyrone Willoughby Social Work Supervisor
Njeri N. Clay Staff Social Worker
Donna Ridgell Administrative Aide
Stacie Rigby Continuing Education Aide

Lillian Reese Legislation and Regulations Specialist

Guest:

Daphne McClellan Executive Director, NASW-MD Chapter
Debby Brunner Anne Arundel County Crisis Response Unit
Mark Bowser Anne Arundel County Crisis Response Unit
Terri Collins Maryland Office of Public Defender

#### Judith Shargin

#### **Retired Social Worker**

#### **CALL TO ORDER:**

The Open Session was called to order at 10:39 A.M. by Sherryl Silberman, Board Chair.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes from December 14, 2018 were approved – 9 votes unanimously

#### ADJUSTMENT AND ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Announcement: None

#### **BOARD CHAIR**

### **Sherryl Silberman**

- Sherryl informed the Board there are currently three vacancies on the Board. The vacancy consist of (1) LCSW-C, (1) LCSW and a consumer member.
- Effective today Sherryl informed Board staff they will be sitting at the table with Board members.
- Sherryl reminded Board members there was an email sent from the States Ethics Committee reminding board member to complete their financial disclosure statements by April 30, 2019
- Today is Board member Mary Sayres's last Board meeting. Mary will be moving out of state and will no longer be eligible to hold a seat on the Board. Sherryl acknowledged the many contributions Mary has made to the Board and how she will surely be missed by the Board.
- Sherryl expressed condolences in the passing of ex-Board member Dr. Joyce Bell's husband.
- The quarterly meeting with Secretary Neal was attended by Sherryl and Stanley Weinstein.
   Secretary Neal focuses remains on providing excellent customer service to the public. A new software called IQ has been acquired to assist with tracking complaints. In addition Sherryl shared, Human Resources is requesting PEP be conducted twice a year on all state employees. Kim Lang will be providing training to the Health Occupational Board Chairs.
- Sherryl ask Tyrone Willoughby, Social Worker supervisor to explain how Board staff review
  experience and other documentation relating to the approval of LCSW-C supervisor registration
  forms. Tyrone explained applications are approved based on the compliance to the Board
  regulations. Rarely are applications not approved as Board staff work with applicants in meeting
  the necessary requirements in order to get approved. Applicants have one (1) year from the
  time their applications are submitted to meet the requirements. Discussion was held on duel
  supervision and its effects on the supervisor and supervisees.
- Child abuse report by Board member Susan Coppage has been tabled until the next board meeting.

## **Executive Director Report**

## Stanley E. Weinstein

 Stanley Weinstein gave a recap on the two sets of regulations. One set required public comments and the second set had to go through the regulatory review process. Our Statute and Regulations Committee are reviewing the comments received regarding 10.42.01, 10.42.02, 10.42.08 and 10.42.09. The results of our review of the regulations resulted in proposed changes to 10.42.03, 10.42.04 and 10.42.06. They will be published in the Maryland Register on January 18, 2019 and there will be an opportunity for public comments.

- Responsive to the invitations extended to the Executive Directors of the Social Work Boards of neighboring states have been extended to February, 2019.
- A handout on Board attendance was passed out to Board members indicating that the Board of Social Work does not have an attendance problem. Attendance is between 80-100%.
- Stanley Weinstein reiterated there are three Board vacancies. Interested parties can contact Kim Bennardi, Administrator Office of Appointments and Executive Nominations.
- Stanley Weinstein will email Board members on the website, TV station and radio stations to receive notification on State closing due to inclement weather.
- Stanley Weinstein discussed how proposed nursing home regulations are being published on 1/18/2019
- Stanley Weinstein gave a report on the number of licensed social workers by license types as of January 1, 2019

# **Statue and Regulations Committee**

Wrenn Skidmore, Chair

Wrenn Skidmore informed the Board the Committee is still reviewing and responding to public comments. The committee has been meeting twice a month.

## **Continuing Education Committee**

Karen Richards, Chair

Karen Richards informed the Board the Committee is currently focusing on reviewing cases from the Continuing Education Post Renewal Audit

# ADJOURNMENT OF THE OPEN SESSSION

The Open Session adjourned at 11:39 A.M.

Karen Richards, LCSW-C
Board Secretary/Treasurer

Stanley E. Weinstein, Ph.D., LCSW-C

**Executive Director** 

Date

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